

EAST COLUMBUS MAGNET ACADEMY



KNIGHT NOTES: NOVEMBER 18 - 22, 2019

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD:

Character Word of the Month: PATRIOTISM (*Respectful devotion or love to one's country.*)

Character Word of the Week: HONOR (*Showing gratitude for our Veterans and active service men and women.*)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

- ECMA Magnet Open House (6:00 – 7:00pm)
- Debate Team Practice, Advisor Ms. Arnold (4:15 – 5:00pm)
- Lady Knights Basketball Practice, Coach Lumpkin (4 – 5:30pm) **Students will be notified in the morning who made the final cut.**
- Knights Basketball Try-outs, Coach Dye (4 - 6:00pm) **Students will be notified who made the first cut in the morning.**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

- Math Club Meeting, Sponsor Dr. Armstrong and Mr. Reed (4:15 – 5:30pm)
- Math Tutorial with Dr. Armstrong (4:15 – 5:00pm) **Written note by parent required by Tues for student to stay.**
- Beginner Band Tutorial, Advisor Mr. Cutliff (4:00 – 5:00pm, Pick up no later than 5:30)
- Dazzling Knights, Advisor Ms. Johnson (4:15 – 5:45pm)
- Lady Knights Basketball Practice, Coach Lumpkin (4 – 5:30pm)
- Knights Basketball Conditioning/Try-outs, Coach Dye (4 - 6:00pm) **Students will be notified in the morning who made the final cut.**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

- ALL-DISTRICT Band Prep for Auditions, Advisor Mr. Cutliff (4:00 – 5:00pm, Pick up no later than 5:30)
- Dazzling Knights, Advisor Ms. Johnson (4:15 – 5:45pm)
- Lady Knights Basketball Practice, Coach Lumpkin (4 – 5:30pm)
- Knights Basketball Practice, Coach Dye (5:30 - 7:00pm)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21TH

- Youth Art Month at the Columbus Museum 5:00-6:30pm **Light refreshments will be served.**
- Math Tutorial with Dr. Armstrong (4:15 – 5:00pm) **Written note by parent required by Thurs for student to stay.**
- ELA Tutorial with Ms. Arnold (4:15 – 5:00pm) **Written note by parent required by Wed for student to stay.**
- Advanced Band Practice, Advisor Mr. Cutliff (4:00 – 5:00pm, Pick up no later than 5:30)
- Lady Knights Basketball Practice, Coach Lumpkin (4 – 5:30pm)
- Knights Basketball Practice, Coach Dye (5:30 - 7:00pm)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

- ALL-STATE Chorus Prep, Advisor Ms. Richardson (4:00 – 5:00pm)
- Basketball Jamboree @ Baker Middle School (5:30pm)

2019 - 2020 MCSD STUDENT HANDBOOK & CODE OF CONDUCT

Students have received a copy of their ECMA and MCSD handbook on August 19th. Please review the MCSD policies provided in the handbook and for your convenience the link to the handbook is:

<https://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us/CMS/File/838263b0-4905-4a88-95b8-c81c0d31b9c9> NOTE: ECMA Student Handbook will also be available on our website.

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 25TH – 29TH – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

At ECMA there are many ways for parents to get involved! Most of these opportunities come from PTO! Concession stand support for home games, ECMA Knight Store, after school traffic flow for car riders and walkers.

ECMA HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

- **ATHLETICS:** Parents be advised that non-athletes **ARE NOT** allowed to remain after school with siblings for practice. Additionally, on game days non-athletes must go home and return for the game. Students **CANNOT** hang around the school unsupervised.
- Student **Drop Off is at 8am** and students should be **Picked up on later than 4:30pm**. Students found on campus before or after the specified times will receive a consequence if not under the direct supervision of a teacher/coach. Parents assume responsibility for any risk to student safety should they be on campus outside of the specified times.
- Students cannot be checked out of school after 3:20pm unless the student has a doctor's appointment and an appointment card can be provided.
- **Lockers are required for all students the cost is \$7.00 and can be purchased in their ILT class.**
- **NON-CLEAR book bags must be secured in the hallway locker beginning Monday, August 18th. Clear book bags will be allowed to travel with the student.**
- Cell phones must be secured in the student hallway locker before 1st period and can be retrieved after 6th period. **Cell phones that have been confiscated by a teacher or administrator must be picked up by a parent in the Main Office between 9am – 3:20pm with no exception.**
- ECMA is a student uniform school. Sixth grade students wear light blue shirts daily, seventh grade students wear yellowish-gold shirts daily and eighth grade students wear white shirts daily. Students have the choice of khaki or navy blue bottoms. NAVY SHIRTS are NOT an ECMA approved color. **NO HOODED JACKETS OR SWEATERS. Belts are required not optional.** Parents needing assistance with uniforms are asked to contact Ms. Yoseka Alford at 706.565.3026.

ECMA SPOTLIGHT

It was another busy week in the ECMA Community. The week was filled with service to others, mentorship to our students, competition and displaying the talent of our students.

MENTORSHIP
ECMA Girls joined TSYS executives and other MCS D Girls at the TSYS campus on November 14th for a Fireside Chat In Technology.



SERVICE TO OTHERS
ECMA Magnet students volunteered at Forrest Rd Elementary on November 16th. Students supported Mr. Aviles, Principal of Forrest Rd Elementary, give away clothes, shoes, jackets and hundreds of bags of food to the community. We were proud to support a fellow KNIGHT as many know Mr. Aviles served as Assistant Principal prior to his new appointment at Forrest Rd ES.

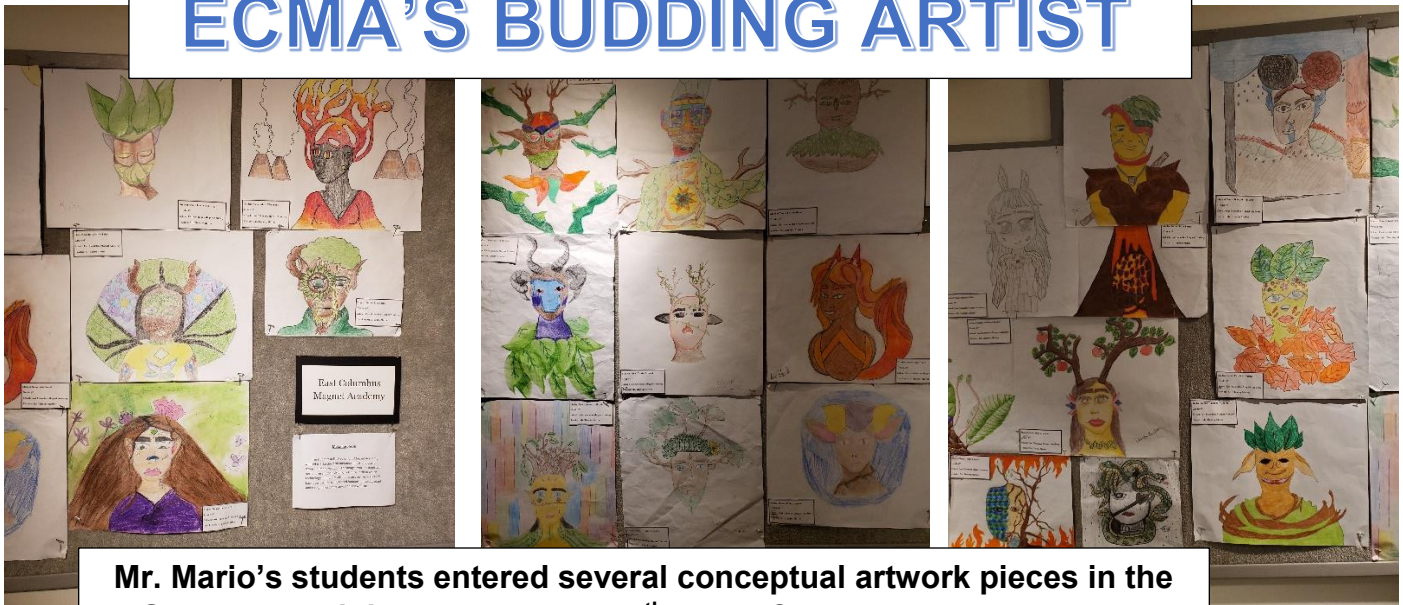


Forrest Road Elementary is hosting our First Annual

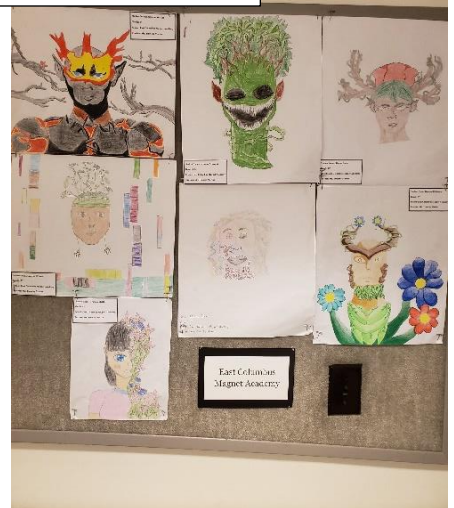
Community Closet



ECMA'S BUDDING ARTIST

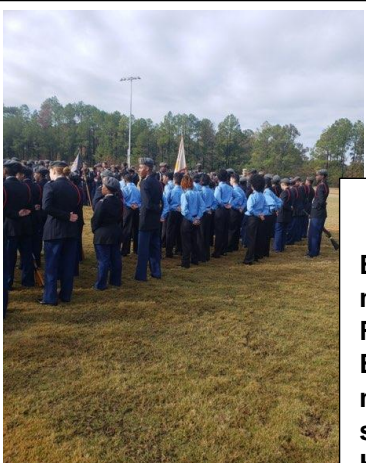


Mr. Mario's students entered several conceptual artwork pieces in the Saya Art Exhibit on November 14th at the Columbus Museum. The students were praised by the Director of Arts & Humanities', Mrs. Robbie Holt and Superintendent, Dr. David Lewis for their collection.



COMPETITION

ECMA JLC Drill Team was the ONLY middle school to compete in the Area ROTC Drill Competition on November 16th. ECMA under the direction of 1SGT Wilson matched up against several area high schools (MCSD, Chatt Co, Stewart Co and Harris Co) at the KHS Sports Complex. The students entered as an unarmed squad and platoon. We are looking forward to final results and our trophy this week from the MCSD ROTC directors SGM Gee and COL Barros.





MENTORSHIP

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity celebrated achievement week by uplifting young men at ECMA on November 13th. These young men were taught about the cardinal principles of the fraternity and how these principles can affect their everyday life. We are thankful to the Men of Omega Psi Phi for selecting ECMA over the past four years as a location to mentor and develop the next generation of men.

ECMA ACADEMIC NEWS YOU CAN USE

- **ATTENTION! ATTENTION!** Parents if your child has failed two or more courses in the 1st nine weeks he/she will receive a notice for mandatory Academic Evening School (8th grade only) or Academic Saturday School (6th and 7th grade only). For more details please contact Mrs. Tabithia McClary regarding Academic Evening School and Ms. Christy Grigsby regarding Academic Saturday School.



- **A HUGE 'THANK YOU' is in order!** If you have not joined the PTO, I can give you 600 reasons why! Parents your PTO and a private parent donor have agreed to purchase the much needed headphones for each student at ECMA to effectively utilize Lexia in their ELA classes.
- **PARENTS** talk with your student(s) about Chromebook care. Review the information found in the link provided. Non-typical damage to the Chromebook can be charged to you the parent. Students were all given a cushioned case and the option to carry a clear book bag to prevent damage.
<http://sites/muscogee.k12.ga.us/pl/> Additionally, Chromebook cases are the property of MCSD not the

student and will be recycled each year. Students will have some wear and tear to the cases; however, some of the current damage is beyond expected wear. From this point students will be assessed a \$10 fine on their library Destiny account for damaged Chromebook cases and \$2 fine to replace their Chromebook tag.

- If you have a child with allergies that requires the use of an EpiPen please call the following number for a FREE pen: 1.877.30A.UVIQ.



Three Things to Know About 2020-2021 Magnet and Academy Application Processes

1. The Application
 - Online magnet applications will open on October 14, 2019.
 - The online applications will close at 5:00 p.m. January 17, 2020.
 - Each parent and/or student will receive an email regarding his or her application status on February 14, 2020.
 - Decisions will include a status of acceptance, wait-list, or denial.
 - Middle and high schools will conduct open houses for students and parents to get a snapshot of their programs.

2. Open House
 - Open houses will begin October 29, 2019 and conclude on December 17, 2019.

High School	Magnet Program	Open House Dates	Time	Contact Information
George Washington Career High School	CTE (Career Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)	December 10, 2019	8:00 a.m.	Sharon Fink Coordinator 703-740-2493
Columbia High School	Latin Arts Program	November 18, 2019 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Brown Coordinator 703-740-2004
Hardaway High School	International Baccalaureate Programme	October 28, 2019	8:30 a.m.	Kathy Street Coordinator 703-740-2765
Jordan Vocational High School	Waukegan County Career Academy	November 14, 2019	8:00 a.m.	Shirley Lloyd and Tracy Vinton Coordinators 703-740-2819
Marshall High School	Academy of Communication Arts and Design	November 12, 2019	8:00 a.m.	Christa Hedge and Lynette Padgett Coordinators 703-603-2803
Northside High School	Engineering and Biomedical Science	December 5, 2019	8:00 a.m.	Debra Fink Coordinator 703-740-2003
Palmer McCarty School of Fine Arts (Middle and High School)	Fine Arts	October 30, 2019 & November 6, 2019	8:00 a.m.	Erica Wilson Coordinator 703-740-2004
William Henry Stearns High School	Health Communications Academy	November 12, 2019	8:30 a.m.	Tracy Vinton Coordinator 703-603-2803
William Henry Stearns High School	The Academy for Computer Science and Data Design	December 3, 2019	8:00 a.m.	Sharon Johnson Coordinator

3. Important Dates
 - October 14: Magnet applications open.
 - January 17: Magnet applications close.
 - February 14: Completed entrance exams and auditions are due.
 - February 14: Magnet decisions will be emailed.
 - February 21: Offer decisions must be made by 11:59 p.m. on this date.
 - All offers will be rescinded after this time.
 - Apply or learn more [HERE](#)

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